

# SENATE BILL 746

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By: **Senator Stone**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Task Force on Job Creation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Job Creation; specifying the  
4 membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; specifying that a member of  
5 the Task Force may not receive compensation, but may receive certain  
6 reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to determine the causes of the loss of  
7 employment opportunities in the State and make certain recommendations;  
8 requiring the Task Force to inventory current State and local agencies, laws,  
9 regulations, and policies on job creation that are duplicative, operate at  
10 cross-purposes, or are ineffective as to job creation and retention; requiring the  
11 Task Force, on or before certain dates, to submit certain preliminary and final  
12 reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; providing for the  
13 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Job  
14 Creation.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) There is a Task Force on Job Creation.

18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

19 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
20 of the Senate;

21 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
22 the House;

23 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the  
24 Secretary's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the  
2 Secretary's designee; and

3 (5) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

4 (i) three representatives of businesses located in the State; and

5 (ii) three representatives of labor organizations, including one  
6 representative from a building trades labor organization.

7 (c) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's  
8 designee who serves on the Task Force, shall chair the Task Force.

9 (d) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide  
10 staff for the Task Force.

11 (e) A member of the Task Force:

12 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

13 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
14 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

15 (f) The Task Force shall:

16 (1) determine the causes of the loss of employment opportunities in  
17 the private sector in the State, including employment opportunities in manufacturing;

18 (2) inventory current State and local agencies, laws, regulations, and  
19 policies on job creation in the private sector to determine whether they are duplicative,  
20 operate at cross-purposes, or are ineffective as to job creation or retention in  
21 Maryland; and

22 (3) make recommendations, including legislative and policy proposals,  
23 regarding ways the State can:

24 (i) encourage new employers to locate in the State;

25 (ii) keep employers that are located in the State from moving to  
26 locations outside the State;

27 (iii) encourage employers that have left the State to return to the  
28 State; and

29 (iv) encourage employers in the State to maintain or grow the  
30 number of employees they have in the State.

1           (g) The Task Force shall submit, on or before December 31, 2011, a  
2 preliminary report and, on or before June 1, 2012, a final report with its findings and  
3 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
4 Government Article, the General Assembly.

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
7 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
8 abrogated and of no further force and effect.